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- 1. Response to Office Action dated February 12, 2007, 35 pgs.
- Replacement Sheets for Figures 9A, 10A, 10B, 11A, 11B, and
 2 pgs.
- 3. Statement of an obligation of assignment to the same organization under 35 U.S.C. §103(c), 1 pg.
- 4. Terminal Disclaimer, 1 pg.

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In response to the office action dated February 12, 2007 concerning the 35 U.S.C. \$103(a) rejections of claims 2, 6-9 based on Knudson (U.S. Patent 4,556,586) in view of Nath et al. (U.S. Patent 5,092,939); claims 4 and 5 based on Knudson in view of Nath et al. and further in view of Francovitch (U.S. Patent 4,674,244); claims 17-27 based on Nath et al. in view of Knudson; and claims 28-31 based on Nath et al. in view of Knudson and further in view of Heath (U.S. Patent 3,992,847), the applicant submits the following statement:

Applicant respectfully submits that both the instant application, serial number 10/716,995, and the application of Nath et al. (above) were, at the time of the invention of application 10/716,995 subject to an obligation for assignment to a common organization: United Solar Systems Corporation, currently United Solar Ovonic LLC.

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